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FOR: COMPOSITION FOR TOOTHBRUSHING

RESTRICTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the April 1, 2010 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, for examination purposes only, the following species:

Four binders are present, which are: sodium carboxymethylcellulose, carrageenan, xanthan gum and sodium alginate (at least claims 1-8 readable thereon).

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 are generic, rather than claim 1-2 (*see* page 3 of the April 1, 2010 Restriction Requirement).

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.